

*As our armed forces, including VT National Guard & Reserves, return home and transition to civilian life, we must work together to assure the smoothest reentry possible, for both them and their families.*

Each service and family member will manage the transition from the war-zone to the home-front with different amounts of success. Some accomplish this transition within weeks. Others will need more time, and perhaps assistance. In other words, readjustment is a complicated process with no clear demarcation points and no consistent time course. This event is to bring together those who want to help, to begin a process of working together.



#### Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the symptoms and understand the diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder and other traumatic disorders;
- Understand the different variables that may impact the transition from the war-zone to home;
- Recognize psychological and physical issues that may be exhibited in children and adolescents as a result of deployment and war;
- Identify appropriate resources and treatment options available within the community; and
- Facilitate ongoing collaboration among multidisciplinary organizations and individuals interested in, and/or providing services to, veterans and their families.

Vermont Veterans' Home  
325 North Street  
Bennington, VT 05201

## *From the War-zone to the Home-front*

Continuing to build a  
Military, Family &  
Community Network



### A Conference for Health Care Providers and Community Service Members

Tuesday

October 24, 2006

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bennington, VT

A. Luke Crispe

Multipurpose Room

located at the Vermont Veterans' Home



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VT Medical Sleep Disorders Center  
Health Benefits Advisors for the National Guard  
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #601  
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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

The training is pending approval for 6 Continuing Education Credits for Psychologists, Mental Health Counselors, Social Workers, and Drug & Alcohol Abuse Counselors. Applications have been sent to the Vermont Secretary of State Office of Professional Regulation, the Vermont Chapter of National Social Workers, and the Vermont Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor Certification Board.

Certificates will be awarded to all pre-registered participants at the conclusion of the workshop.



In an effort to facilitate networking opportunities, the Military, Family & Community Network invites event attendees to provide informational materials regarding educational opportunities, publications, provision of program and/or clinical services, etc. for distribution.

## AGENDA

8:00am – 8:30am	<b>Registration/Coffee</b>
8:30am – 9:10am	<b>War-Zone Stress Reactions in Veterans: Includes film clips from J. Craven's "After the Fog"</b> <i>National Center for PTSD-Laurie Slone, Ph.D.</i>
9:10am – 9:45am	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Governor James Douglas</i> <i>Adjutant General of the VT National Guard, Michael Dubie</i> <i>Chaplain Jim MacIntyre, Family Program Chaplain</i>
9:45am – 10:15am	<b>The Blast Effect on Hearing</b> <i>Will Pendlebury, VR Counselor for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	<b>Break</b>
10:30am - 11:00am	<b>Treatment</b> <i>Andrew Pomerantz, MD, Chief, Mental Health and Behavioral Science Service, VA Medical Center</i>
11:00am – 11:30am	<b>Community Resources: Increasing Access and Use</b> <i>Charlie Gingo, AHS, Bennington County Field Director,</i>
11:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Impact on Children</b> <i>Stanley Gajda, Mental Health Counselor, VA</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
1:00pm – 1:30pm	<b>"Battlemind"</b> <i>Travis Jones, VA Vet Center GWOT Outreach Counselor</i>
1:30pm – 2:15pm	<b>Special Issues for Families of the Military</b> <i>Kristin Henderson author of "While They're at War: The True Story of American Families on the Homefront"</i>
2:15pm – 2:45pm	<b>Traumatic Brain Injury</b> <i>Mary Willmuth, PhD, Otter Creek Associates</i>
2:45pm – 3:00pm	<b>Break</b>
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<b>VA and DoD Outreach Initiatives to Iraq Veterans</b> <i>Panel Presentation: VA benefits, eligibility, mental health, VT211, Family Programs, ESGR, EAP</i>
3:45pm - 4:00pm	<b>Q &amp; A, Closing, Evaluation, &amp; Certificates</b>

## REGISTRATION

Conference fee is \$25.00 (non-refundable). Make check or money order payable to Vermont Department of Health. Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted as they are received. Registration deadline is **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### Questions?

Contact Bob Hannan, Vocational Rehabilitation, VT  
802-447-6960 or bob.hannan@dail.state.vt.us

### Register by mail/fax:

Mail completed registration form & check or money order to:

Vermont Veterans' Home  
attn: Heather Hoyt or **Fax to:**  
325 North Street 802-447-6466  
Bennington, VT 05201 attn: H. Hoyt

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If you require special accommodations, or have questions, contact Heather Hoyt at 802-447-6523, or hhoyt@vvh.state.vt.us

### Directions

From Brattleboro: Take Route 9 to the four corners in Bennington. Turn right onto North Street. Continue straight through traffic light, VVH will be on your right.

From Rutland:  
Take Route 7 to the Kocher Drive intersection. Continue straight through traffic light. VVH will be on your left.